

Weekly 4-H Email Update
April 5, 2024

Dear Members, Volunteers & Parents:

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County 4-H Information

1. Project Registration & Junior Fair Entries (Entry forms are located at clinton.osu.edu.)
 - a. All Special Emphasis and Family and Consumer Sciences projects and market poultry exhibitors will use the **March 15** registration as their fair entry.
 - b. Beef breeding & feeder calves, dairy beef feeder calves, and breeding rabbits must be tagged in/checked at the May tag-ins where entries will be completed. Market rabbit fryer doe entry form due at the May check in.
 - c. Market rabbit fryers must be checked in at the June check in where entries will be completed.
 - d. Market beef projects must be tagged in/checked in December of the previous year.
 - e. Dairy cattle projects must submit a registration form with a permanent ID to OSU by **May 1**.
 - f. Market & breeding hogs, market goats, pygmy goats, breeding goats, dairy goats, market lambs, production ewes, breeding poultry, small animals, and dogs must submit an entry form with a permanent ID by **May 1**.
 - g. Horse PAS show, roping show, and horse fair entries are due **June 1**.
2. Late Junior Fair Entries
 - a. All project entry deadlines will have one calendar week to correct and complete the entry and turn it in with a \$20 fee if originally turned in by the deadline. The entry will be recorded and returned to the parent/volunteer/member at the time of turn-in. The corrected entry will be accepted within one calendar week after the original deadline.
3. All animals must be fully owned or leased, including all showing rights by the Jr. Fair member and personally provide daily and continual care of their animal(s) regardless of where the animal(s) are housed on and after **May 1**. All animals must be in your possession by **May 1**. (Steers acquired by **Dec. 1** of the previous year. See poultry rules for hatch dates and rabbit rules for market rabbit ownership dates. See departments for homegrown guidelines.)
4. Equine members must complete EquiStep and upload the certificate of completion by **May 1** in 4honline. A Horse ID must be completed in 4honline by **May 1** for each horse project.

Fair Theme

The Junior Fair Board has selected a 2024 fair theme, **Welcome to the Jungle!** Think about how your club can utilize the theme for shirts, club booth ideas, or stall decorations.

Junior Fair Project Requirements

Project requirements for all Jr. Fair Departments are posted at clinton.osu.edu.

A Day in the Ring

A Day in the Ring is presented by the Clinton County 4-H program and friends of the 4-H program to provide differently abled community members ages 10 and up the opportunity to show at the Clinton County Fair. Participants will be mentored by 4-H teens who have experience showing livestock and have a willingness to share their love of 4-H livestock projects.

Participant Registration deadline is June 5! Event dates: June 27-Open House, July 2-Practice, and July 12-Show. Participant registration is attached to this email and posted at clinton.osu.edu.

To learn more, call the Ohio State University Extension Office at 937-382-0901.

Cloverbud Club

Cloverbud Club started in February-The meetings will be in-person at the OSU Extension office and the fairground monthly. The final Club session is **May 6** from 6-7:00 p.m. at the Fairground (Peterson Building) unless we have bad weather, and the session will be at the Ohio State University Extension Office-Community Room. Sign-ups are required before each event to make sure we have supplies for all Cloverbuds that attend. The sign-up link coming soon.

2024 Livestock Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance (QA)

4-H/FFA members who want to show and/or sell market steers, market hogs, market lambs, market goats, market dairy steers, feeder calves, lactating dairy cattle, market poultry, market rabbits, and lactating dairy goats must attend a Quality Assurance Training at a designated time before the fair.

-Clinton County 4-H/FFA members are required to attend a QA session by May 21, 2024.

-All youth have the option of a face-to-face county **approved** certification or returning members may select to complete the online YQCA certification to meet the county QA requirement by county the deadline.

(<https://yqcaprogram.org/>)

-Youths 8-11 must get county approval to complete YQCA online.

-YQCA is the only online certification accepted. This is not for first year members!

- Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend a QA session with the exhibitor.

-Youth in Clinton County may attend QA outside the county if it is a certified program and OSUE in Clinton County receives documentation the member participated.

- QA Certification must be completed at least 45 days prior to the start of the exhibition.

April

11 Quality Assurance 6:30 p.m., (Fairground-Expo Center)

May

9 Quality Assurance 6:30 p.m., (Fairground-Expo Center)

Chester Herdsmen 4-H Club Earth Day Fundraiser

DROP OFF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO BE RECYCLED!

ALUMINUM CANS, WIRE, CORDS, CAST IRON, STOVES, WASHERS/DRYERS, AIR CONDITIONERS, CAR RIMS, BRASS LAMPS, OLD FENCE, SCREEN DOORS, WINDOW FRAMES, HARD DRIVES, CELL PHONES, LAPTOPS, PC TOWERS, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, ETC.

USED MOTOR OIL IS ALSO BEING COLLECTED WITH CASH DONATION

WHERE: 4695 GURNEYVILLE RD.

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CONTACT: DAVID HACKNEY 937-728-6338

HALF OF THE MONEY RAISED WILL BE DONATED TO THE CLINTON COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEE TO HELP LOCAL KIDS ATTEND 4-H CAMP THIS SUMMER

State 4-H Information & Opportunities

We Grow Scientists (Columbus)—3-7 p.m.

The Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) will host the second annual "We Grow Scientists" event on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 3-7:00 p.m. at Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory.

This afternoon of hands-on learning and activities will showcase the many STEM fields CFAES has to offer and will include a look at Waterman facilities such as the Controlled Environment Agriculture Research Complex (CEARC). "We Grow Scientists" is a free event open to learners of all ages looking to learn more about STEM in their community as part of the COSI Science Festival (May 1-4, 2024). Bring the whole family! Visit go.osu.edu/cosi24 for additional information.

Ohio 4-H Junior Shooting Sports Camp is open now!

Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports has opened Junior Camp registration. Youth in grades 3-6 are invited to Canter's Cave 4-H Camp from June 7 to 9 for education sessions on basic shooting and archery disciplines. Additional information about the camp can be found on the Ohio 4-H Shooting Sports [website](#). **Registration** is open through May 6 and can be completed online. Camp counselors are also encouraged to apply and should do so before May 1.

Total Solar Eclipse

It is not too early to get excited about the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024! Even if you are not in the path of the total solar eclipse, you will see the moon's shadow cover at least 90% of the sun!

Our 4-H professionals have worked together with Dr. Wayne Schlingman, Director of Arne Slettebak Planetarium at The Ohio State University main campus, to create teaching tools to help everyone in Ohio understand and enjoy the event. Check out our resources at ohio4h.org/solareclipse. There are several activities to do both before and during the solar eclipse!

4-H Survey

"Attention 4-H members and volunteers! We want to hear from you! Please take our survey before April 7 and tell us which format you prefer for 4-H project books—print or digital. It is easy—just a few short questions and you are finished. Take the survey today at go.osu.edu/4hprojectbooksurvey Thanks for helping us to make the best better!"

4-H Night at the Cincinnati Reds

Southwest Ohio is doing a 4-H Night at the Cincinnati Reds on May 24th to benefit the 4-H programs in Hamilton, Clermont, and Warren counties. You can use this link to get tickets. The game is against the LA Dodgers at 7:10 pm at Great American Ball Park. 4-H'ers will get to walk on the field before the game. If you want to stay in town through that weekend, Taste of Cincinnati is also happening downtown May 25-27. Come out and support the Cincinnati Reds and Ohio 4-H!

<https://fevo-enterprise.com/s/other/4H24?purl=65c99be2e9d8>

March 3-May 4, JOANN Fundraising Campaign

Stop by your local JOANN store before May 4 and round up at the register to raise money for Ohio 4-H. Your donation will support 4-H'ers and create opportunities that will inspire their sense of curiosity. Learn more about 4-H's partnership with JOANN at <https://www.joann.com/4-h/>.

General Information

Weather Cancellations

Just a reminder about our weather cancellation policy as we head into winter. The Ohio State University Extension Office (OSUE) 4-H Program follows Wilmington City School closings. Therefore, if Wilmington City Schools are closed, we close OSUE 4-H events. If weather starts to develop during the day while school is in session, we will decide by 3:00 p.m. for evening events. It will be posted on Facebook, emailed, and posted on the website.

Please visit the county website for additional 4-H information: clinton.osu.edu.

Please contact our office with any questions at 937-382-0901.

OSU Extension, Clinton County Office Hours

Our office is open M-TH 8:30-4:30 pm. We continue to respond to phone, email and voice messages during normal office hours (M-F | 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

Upcoming 4-H Events

April

- 8 4-H Comm., 7pm (Zoom)
- 11 Car teens, 6-8pm
- 11 Quality Assurance 6:30 pm, (Fairground-Expo Center)
- 15 Dog Comm., 6:30pm & Horse Comm., 7pm
- 18 Counselor Training, 6-8:30 pm
- 22 JFB, 6:30pm (Location-TBD)
- 27 Swine Start Up, 10am Project Pick Up (Fair-Hog Barn)
- 27 Goat Start Up, 10am Project Pick Up (Fair-Goat & Sheep Barn)

*Fair: July 6-13

*2024 Camp Dates:

*Jr Overnight Camp-June 17-21

*Multi-County Cloverbud Overnight Camp-June 2 & 3

*Cloverbud Day Camp at the Clinton County Fair-June 26

Key

JFB, Junior Fair Board

SFB, Senior Fair Board

Comm., Committee

Mtg., Meeting

FCS, Family & Consumer Sciences

QA, Quality Assurance

OSUE, Ohio State University Extension

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Thank you,

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This email provides information for 4-H members, Junior Fair for FFA members, and Junior Fair events and requirements.

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